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Mill Villages Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
South Grafton Community House
27 Main Street, South Grafton

Thursday July 25 at 10:30 am

Minutes for the Meeting:

Attended by: Philip Gauthier, Michael Trilligan, Kenneth Grew, Paul Pollinger, Julie Roberts, Robert Perla

(1) 10:34 am – Call to Order by Phil

Potential New Member “checking us out” – Robert Perla – YAY!!

Updated Committee Contact List – create today before we leave

(2) Status Updates by Ken Grew

Bench repair, done

Park Fencing – quote submitted in May 2017 – need response from town and action plan

Security Chains – talked with Paul Kenioder (sp?) – done

Irrigation System – determined we cannot do that in S Grafton Water district

Boat Ramp – active grant from State of MA to install boat ramp – for \$3,000 – in limbo – waiting for approval and action from the town

Greenhouse – rain garden repairs – Joe Lyden – Town Planner – ongoing “issue”

Julie volunteers to investigate and report back to committee on the greenhouse Living laboratory, as well as the timeline and vision for the blackstone revitalization project (and bike trail and recreational uses)

Contacts to reach out to:

Megan Dupris – offers help – Blackstone Valley Corridor – have offered what they can do to help us

Tim McInerney – on central mass regional planning committee – he is grafton rep
Bob and Ken suggested reaching out to Mike Moore – Dave Muradian (as state rep)

Electrical box repair – done

Weed wacking, mowing – now task of DPW

Commemorative Brick Program – has been on “hold” – do we want to resuscitate??

Summer Movies – did not get money from selectmen for it, asked Parks Rec if they wanted to take on the movies – now running out of the center – we suggest we rotate it around South, North, and Common

We are advisory committee – by Mike – so we advise, and they do what they chose to do – our job is to advise, and come up with ideas –

Flag Day – it was postponed/cancelled this year – due to late start – and various factors – need to determine if this committee wants to run the event next year

Walking trail – down along river and into tributary – even picnic area – get extension from National Park –

Robert suggest - Go to Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Board – present what we want to have done, get them to back us, and then bring that to the selectmen for “backing”

They meet once a week – ask Tim McInerney – meet Thursday evenings at 7 pm (social starts at 6 pm)– they meet at Union Station – www.cmrpc.org

Vision for bike trails, picnic, walking trails,

Maintenance of Committee website – used to be run out of town planners office – do we want to activate more items?

Talk to Town Planner? Ask for meeting with Select Board Members? How do we revitalize our committee and get active with the town to address outstanding issues (like things that have been funded and approved but not acted on, see above). Who do we talk to refresh and integrate the vision of the committee?

- (3) Community Preservation grant application – like town did for Common – do we want to write a grant application Mill Villages Park – advise Select Board that we would like to apply for a grant to accomplish the above list – park fencing – walking trail, picnic area and boat ramp
- (4) Ken Moves to recommend to Select Board that Robert Perla membership to committee – 5 approved – unanimous

Julie send notification to Town Administrator to inform them of this new member

Ken is about ready to resign, out of frustration of the communication and effective current lack of teamwork with the town

(5) Next Meeting – Thursday August 29 at 10:30 am at South Grafton Meetinghouse

(6) Call for Adjournment by Mike – at 11:30 am – motion carried

Set Next Meeting Agenda - notes

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

2. Old Business

Status of greenhouse and Blackstone Project – Julie

Boat Ramp - Ken

Summer Movies – extend to whole town – how do we actively recommend this?

Walking Trail

New Membership

3. New Business

4. Set Next Meeting

7. Adjournment

New Member emails

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PS – reminder for Ken to bring coffee and donuts